REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006, claims 1-30 were objected to due to informalities in claims 1, 14 and 23; claims 23-30 were rejected under §101; claims 3, 14 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; claims 1, 3,4, 7-11, 14-20 and 23-28 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Lubbers; claims 2, 5 and 6 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Lubbers in view of other references; and claims 12, 13, 21, 22 and 29 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claims but otherwise allowable.

In the present Response, claims 1, 3, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20 and 22 have been amended to address the informalities and the rejections under §101 as well as to incorporate the elements of the allowable claims into independent claims 1 and 14. Claims 8, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21 and 23-30 have been cancelled.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable Office Action is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,

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